

Remarks



This is in response to the examiners action mailed February 22, 2001. In that action the examiner allowed claims 1-18, all claims then pending in the application, but raised two objections to the application.

The examiner objected to the Information Disclosure Statement previously filed as not including legible copies of all references cited. Applicants include herewith, a copy of German Patent 44 07 498 A1 and Japanese Patent 8-146226.

The applicants further include a copy of Japanese Patent 1-105206. The applicant also includes copies of English translations of the abstracts of Japanese Patents 7-198848, 8-313708, and 8-329716.

The applicant also includes a copy of United States Patent 5,744,543; the US counterpart to German Patent 4326521 and United States Patent 5,706,065. The US counterpart to Japanese Patent 8-313891.

The examiner has also objected to claims 3 and 18 as being directed to subject matter that could have been depicted in the drawings, but was not. The applicant has amended the drawings to include a drawing clearly showing the subject matter of claim 3 and has canceled claim 18.

The applicant respectfully requests that the examiner now remove the objections to this application and allow claims 1-17, all claims currently pending.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG 1 is a schematic, cross-sectional view of a known illumination device illustrating the operation of the light extraction structures.

FIG 2 is a schematic, cross-sectional view of an illumination device constructed in accordance with the present invention.

FIG 3 is a schematic, cross-sectional view of an alternative embodiment of the invention that employs a cladding material.

FIG 4 is a schematic, cross-sectional view of a circular wave-guide according to the present invention.

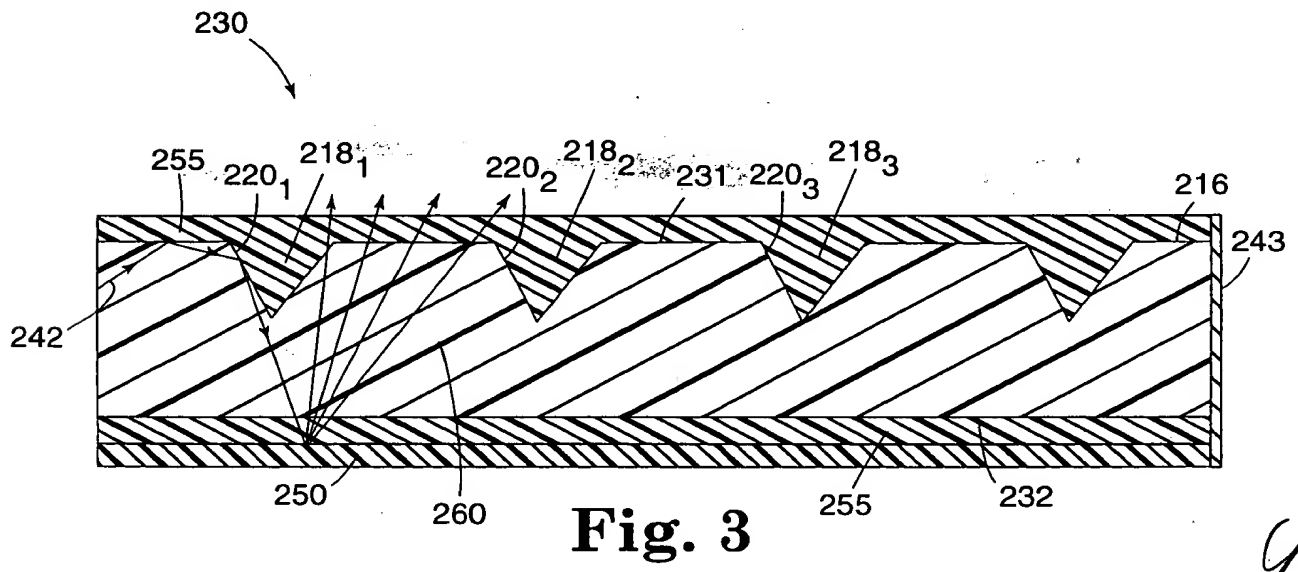
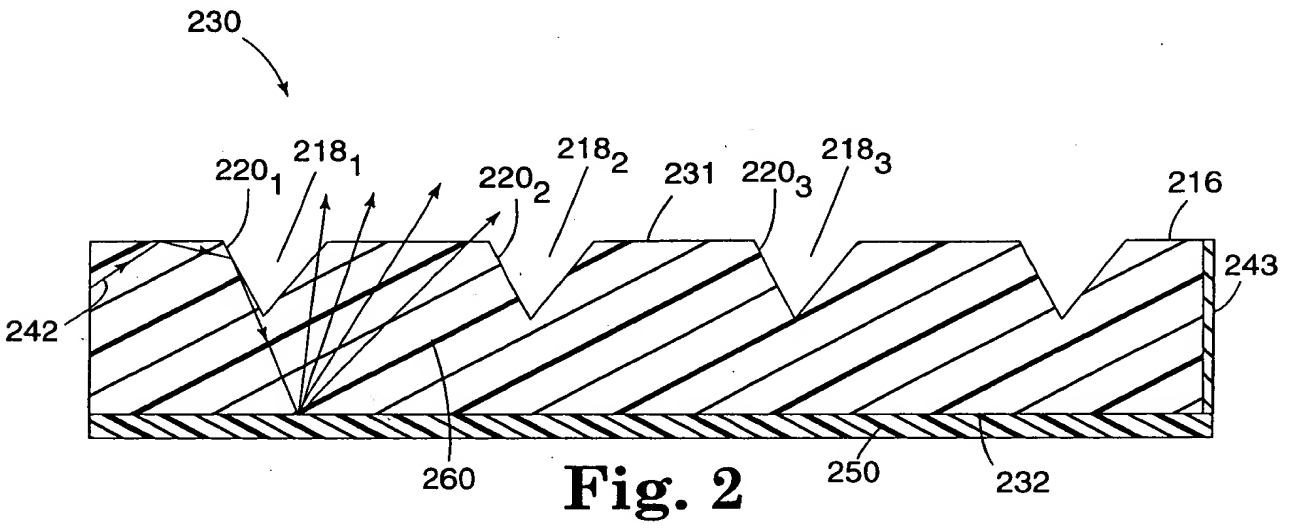
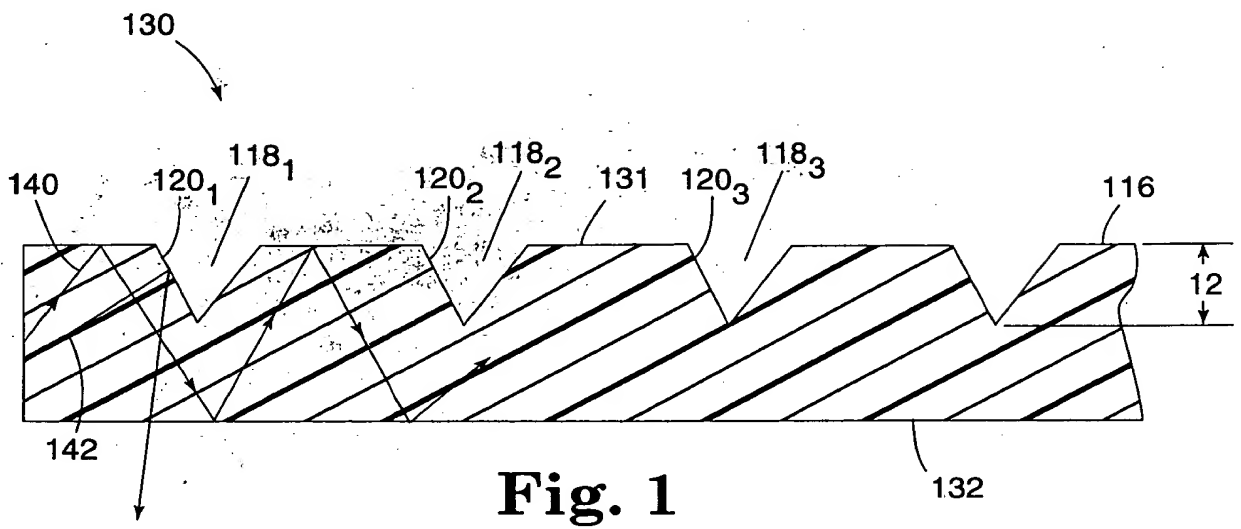
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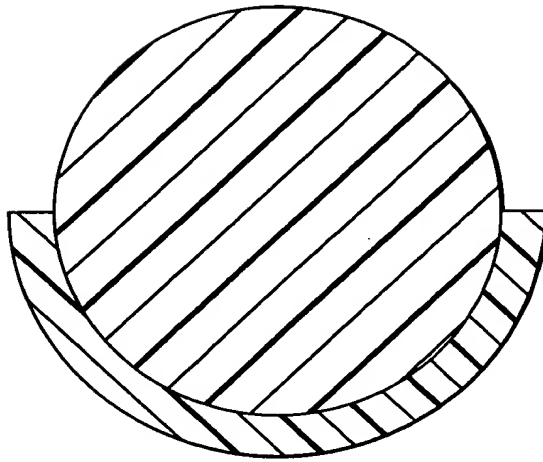


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